

WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a distinguished and outstanding citizen when William Reed Quilliam, of Beaumont, died on April 24, 1968, in M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston; and

WHEREAS, his 75 years of life as a professional engineer, a lawyer, and a civic and church leader are best summed up in an editorial in the BEAUMONT JOURNAL following his death which read:

"William Reed Quilliam was the type of Texan who never tried to shoulder his way to the front. Yet as a lawyer, a professional engineer, a teacher, a patriot and religious leader, he was consistently in the forefront of community betterment. "Big in body, mind and deed, he was one of the most unassuming men we have ever known, and one of the finest citizens. He was an ennobling influence that rewarded his friends and enriched our community.

"Dead at 75, William Reed Quilliam leaves behind him a record of living that is worthy of study and emulation by all who come after him."

WHEREAS, William Reed Quilliam, a son of pioneer Texans, was born in 1893 in Tilden, McMullen County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, After completing high school, he graduated from South-west Texas State Normal (now Southwest Texas State College), San Marcos, and taught in the Texas Public Schools for a number of years while accumulating enough money to complete his education; and

WHEREAS, He thereafter studied both mining engineering and law at <sup>t</sup>the University of Missouri School of Mines, <sup>t</sup>the University of Chicago, and Louisiana State University, earning three degrees; and

WHEREAS, Admitted to the Texas Bar in 1932, he practiced law in the State of Texas, first in Hebbronville and later in Beaumont, during which period he was also active in the civic life of those communities; and

WHEREAS, He married Gladys Harned, of Beaumont, Texas, in 1927, and they had one son, our friend and distinguished colleague, William Reed Quilliam, Jr., of Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, William Reed Quilliam had two consuming interests throughout his lifetime, in addition to his professions and family, these interests being education and religious activities; and

WHEREAS, He served for many years as a member and as Chairman of the Board of Education in Hebbronville, and was a pioneer in this State in introducing Spanish language courses in elementary grades; and

WHEREAS, <sup>He</sup> He was long associated with church work, serving for many years as teacher of the Men's Bible Class at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Beaumont, in addition to service as a Deacon of that church; and

WHEREAS, William Reed Quilliam was also an active Mason, Lion and American Legionnaire, having served his country in the army in both world wars, as an enlisted man in World War I and as a Captain in the Army Engineers in World War II; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Harned Quilliam; his son, the Honorable William Reed Quilliam, Jr., a sister, Mrs. C. H. Martin, and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, He served his State and community in many other ways too numerous to enumerate; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the House of Representatives to honor this outstanding churchman, civil leader, engineer, lawyer and Texan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 60th Legislature pay tribute to the memory of William Reed Quilliam and extend sympathy to the members of his family; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family, and that when the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William Reed Quilliam.

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Add names of all members

H.S.R. # 106

*Dorothy Hallman*

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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*By Peeler*

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